



# IRON COUNTY RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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## MINUTES

### Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC)

December 3, 2014, 1:30 pm

Iron County Offices

82 N 100 E, Cedar City, Utah

#### **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. Shayne Scott  
Mr. Steve Platt  
Mr. Monte Aldridge  
Mr. Stoney Shugart  
Mr. Rob Dotson  
Mr. Kit Wareham

#### **REPRESENTING:**

Parowan City  
Iron County  
Utah Dept. of Transportation  
Kanarraville  
Enoch City Manager  
Cedar City

#### **MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

Mayor Connie Robinson  
Mr. Tom Stratton

#### **REPRESENTING:**

Paragonah Town  
Brian Head Town

#### **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. Dave Demas

#### **REPRESENTING:**

Five County Assoc. of Governments

#### **I. Quorum Declaration**

Mr. Scott, in the absence of Tom Stratton, chaired the meeting and welcomed all present and declared there was a quorum present.

#### **II. Approve Minutes for Oct. 1, 2014**

Mr. Platt noted a correction on page 4, the first paragraph of item V.B. adding the words "in Parowan" after the phrase "Main Street Bridge"; A motion was made by Mr. Rob Dotson, seconded by Mr. Kit Wareham, to approve the Oct. 1, 2014 Minutes of the Iron County Rural Transportation Advisory Committee including the correction noted by Mr. Platt. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY



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### III. 2015 Meeting Schedule

**A motion was made by Mr. Steve Platt, seconded by Mr. Kit Wareham, to approve the 2015 Meeting Schedule of the Iron County Rural Transportation Advisory Committee. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

### IV. Project Discussion

#### A. Concept Reports.

Mr. Demas discussed the Concept Reports that had been submitted. Mr. Demas passed out a copy of each of the concept reports along with the Alton Study project sheets for each member to review. Mr. Demas led a discussion of each of the projects on the list so that each member could become familiar with them before the prioritization ranking to follow. Kit brought copies of a newly submitted concept report for a project Cedar is proposing on Coal Creek Dr. over I-15. A discussion ensued concerning the south leg of the belt route that the county is constructing. Along with that discussion the group discussed the Kanarraville Interchange project that is on the Priority List. Since the County's project is re-aligning the frontage roads with their project, the group determined that minimal work, if any, will need to be done to the Kanarraville interchange until the area around it develops. Monte explained that if traffic doesn't drive the changes to an interchange or there are other issues driving the change, that UDOT will only participate up to 50% in the costs. It was a consensus that it be included in the list but probably ranked at the bottom.

#### B. Prioritization of Project Priority List.

Monte suggested that those projects that are under construction or funded that the group considers taking them off the list. Kit then discussed the Coal Creek Road Project indicating that they have acquired Joint Highway Funds to help with the funding. They are looking for a fund exchange with UDOT.

The group discussed the Alton Coal mine and its current status. Mr. Demas explained his recent discussions with the BLM and others as to what their current status is. Mr. Aldridge noted that all of the choke point and capacity funding is going to I-215 until 2018, so there won't be many funds available until then. Monte indicated that Iron Springs road won't be UDOT funding but it will be CIB funding as it relates to coal mine traffic. Mr. Aldridge indicated that Arizona has recently changed their load limits on their highways which may allow some of the



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coal mine traffic to go other directions. There was some discussion on the middle Cedar Interchange projects that are coming up on the STIP and what they are including.

Each of the remaining projects were briefly discussed; some of the important points are: The middle leg of the belt route - will be on 5700 W running from SR 56 to 4800 N. Enoch submitted a concept report on the proposed Enoch interchange. Mr. Dotson discussed the project. It will be the connection, or a connection, to the belt route. Mr. Scott discussed the airport road project. This project consists of re-aligning SR 271 and changing the intersection with Main St to tie into 600 N. It would also consist of realigning the road into the airport to tie to 100 East. The name was changed to "Realign SR 271 and associated roads". Mr. Wareham then discussed the new project of widening Coal Creek Road over I-15. There is a significant amount of traffic on this road, upwards of 5000 ADT, including large trucks and busses, and it is a very narrow structure. There are pedestrians and bicycles that use it every day. Mr. Wareham indicated that there has been numerous accidents on this section as well. Mr. Demas suggested looking at HSIP funding too. Members of the group felt this was a worthy project.

The group proceeded to use the ranking sheets to rank the projects. Mr. Aldridge again discussed the issue of taking funded projects off the priority list and placing them on another list. The group agreed to keep them on the list until funding issues were complete, then they can be moved to a funded list. Mr. Demas then tallied the votes and presented a new ranking.

Next the group discussed and ranked the Safety Projects. The first, Optimize Signal Timing, Mr. Aldridge will look into the operational aspect of it and see what information may be available. Another discussion took place on the Parowan South Interchange. Mr. Demas was wondering about the feasibility of just realigning the northbound off ramp to match a future diamond configuration. Mr. Platt discussed the possible funding on the South Parowan Main Street Bridge qualifying for bridge monies. The functional class of the road may need to be changed to qualify for those dollars, if not Parowan would need to approach the Joint Highway Committee. MAP21 changes the funding criteria; more work needs to be done in looking at the funding possibilities. The group ranked these projects and a new ranking was established.

The group decided to rank the remainder of the projects in their offices and send the information to Mr. Demas. He would then tally the rankings and e-mail each member the new rankings for their ratification.



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**V. Project Priority List Approval - Action Item**

**A motion was made by Mr. Dotson to approve those rankings that have been completed and to have all member rank the remaining projects and send them to Mr. Demas; he will then tally the votes and email a list with the final rankings that will be approved by email response, for presentation to the RTEC, seconded by Mr. Kit Wareham. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**VI. Other Discussion Items**

- A. Next meeting will be held on Feb. 4, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.
  - i. Location: Cedar City, Mr. Wareham's Offices

**VII. Adjourn**

**A motion was made by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Steve Platt, to adjourn the meeting.**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**